

plurality of absorbent articles comprising the steps of continuously feeding out a long, extensible, continuous member from a predetermined position and conveying, cutting said continuous member into lengths each equivalent to a length of one sheet of said absorbent article at a predetermined position in a conveying path, and fixedly arranging said cut continuous member at a predetermined position of said absorbent article,

wherein a predetermined pattern is preliminarily printed on said continuous member at a printing pitch shorter than the cutting length of said continuous member, and the speed for feeding out said continuous member is controlled such that the printing pitch of said patterns at cutting can be made coincident with the cutting length of said continuous member by extending said continuous member in the longitudinal direction, said predetermined pattern is located at a predetermined part of said cut continuous member, said continuous member which is brought into an extended state prior to cut is joined with a continuous absorbent core forming sheet member and optionally at least one other continuous member, and then the joined members are cut altogether, said joined and cut continuous members are arranged together at the predetermined positions of said absorbent article, thereby obtaining the absorbent article in which said predetermined pattern is arranged at each of said predetermined positions.

Please add the following new claim:

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--Claim 6. (New) The method for manufacturing an absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said at least one other continuous member is selected from the group consisting of: a non-woven fabric partly subjected to hydrophilic or water-repellent treatment; a film or paper or non-woven fabric provided with one or more openings; peelable paper or film; a top sheet; an outer layer sheet; and a fastening tape.--
